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November 29, 1979

Mr. George W. Whitesides, President
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Dear Mr. Whitesides:

This letter is to inform you of the status of the Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection's plan for the cleanup of the A. L. Taylor industrial waste disposal site in Bullitt County, Kentucky.

At the last meeting with representatives of your company, this Department agreed to prepare a plan for the proper removal and disposal of all surface material as the initial step of a multi-phase solution to the problem. A preliminary draft plan has been completed but we cannot finalize it without a general commitment of technical and financial assistance from your company to participate with the Department in implementing the cleanup plan.

We envision technical assistance that might include on-site identification of materials which may have originated at your facility, sharing of available data on the waste contents of containers at the site, and other analytical expertise available within your company. Financial assistance might be provided through cooperative agreements among the generators whose wastes are involved in order to facilitate an "in-house" cleanup arrangement or purchase of the services of a professional waste disposal contractor. The U. S. EPA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be active participants in any such cleanup action.

We believe that private cooperation should be proportionate to the amount of materials at the site which may have originated from each of the private firms. Based on our Department's inventory, EPA reports, and records from A. L. Taylor, it is estimated that your company may be the source for 11 percent of the containers and materials at the site.

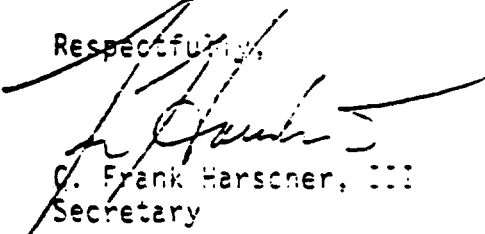
U. S. EPA has given assurances that it is not their current intent to press legal action against companies whose wastes may have been taken to the site (copy attached). The Commonwealth of Kentucky is prepared to make similar assurances.

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It is our belief that it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth and your company to resolve this matter expeditiously and at minimum public cost. We are requesting you to designate an individual with whom we may discuss specific cleanup plans, including your technical and financial commitment.

Please advise me by December 14, 1979, of your willingness to share resources with the Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in accomplishing this task. We believe strongly that a team effort is necessary to achieve a satisfactory solution to this problem. If you or any member of your company would care to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact me at (502) 564-3350, or Jack A. Wilson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Environmental Protection, at (502) 564-2150.

Respectfully,



C. Frank Harscher, III
Secretary

Attachment

cc: Jack A. Wilson
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